

St. John Lutheran 9:30 8/31/69

Processional Hymn 4 ~~57-12-15-18-21~~

*Choral Call to Worship 7/7/69

*Confession of Sin

*Assurance of Pardon

Scripture Ecclesiastes 3

*Gloria Patri

*Apostles Creed

*Pastoral Prayer

Anthem 477

Announcements

Visitors Welcome

Offering, Response, Prayer

Hymn 392

Sermon

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 229

*Benediction

*Threefold Amen

St. John Lutheran 11:00 8/31/69

Processional Hymn 38

*Choral Call to Worship

*Confession of Sin

*Assurance of Pardon

Responsive Reading Sel 71 Pg. 618

Hymn 161

Scripture Ecclesiastes 3

*Gloria Patri

*Apostles Creed

*Pastoral Prayer

Anthem

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Offering, Prayer

*Hymn 475

Sermon

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 87

*Benediction

*Threefold Amen

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Ralph C. Link, Pastor

Christ Church, Duncannon 9:30 A.M.
Trinity Church, New Bloomfield 10:30 A.M.

SEPTEMBER 6, 1970

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Prelude 38
*Hymn
*Solemn Declaration
*Call to Worship
*Confession of Sin (page 4, 1st. prayer)
*Kyrle
*Assurance of Pardon
Scripture Ecclesiastes Chapter 3
*Gloria Patri
*Statement of Faith (frone of Hymnal)
Pastoral Prayer
Announcements 131
Hymn
Sermon: "Happiness IS ::: WORK "
Text :: Ecclesiastes Chap. 3:Vs.22
Offering
*Doxology (Trinity)
*Offering Response (Christ)
*Prayer and Lord's Prayer 389
*Hymn
*Benediction
*Threesfold Amen
Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Sunday, September 13, we will welcome
Rev. Jacob Zang as Guest Pastor.

Sunday, September 20, we will again
welcome Rev. Bert Wynn as Guest Pastor.

Trinity Church - The MITE Society will
hold their regular meeting at the home
of Mrs. Joe Rynkiewicz, Friday evening,
Sept. 11, at 7:30 P.M.

Christ Church - Chicken Bar-B-Que today
at the cottage of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Hepfer
beginning at 4:00 P.M.
BRING LAMB CHAINS
Win-A-Chum Class will meet at the home
of Rita Stoner Friday evening, Sept. 11,
at 7:30 P.M.

The Missionary Society of Christ Church
have Sympathy, Birthday, and, Get-Well
cards for sale.

During the month of September, or, until
further notice, will the members of
organizations of both Churches PLEASE
send all announcements to: Mrs. Frank
L. Fry, 582-2820 ?

*WILL BE COMMON UNLESS NOTIFIED
OTHERWISE.*

HEIDELBERG CLASS TUESDAY 7:30

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Learning and Witnessing

When Jesus Christ takes hold of a person, that person becomes a disciple—that is, one who is ever learning to know his Lord more fully, one who is seeking to discover more and more of the heritage and meaning of his faith. He also becomes an apostle—one who bears witness to Christ's saving power by the faith he professes and the manner in which he lives out his life in the world around him. The Christian Church is the community of those who have become disciples and apostles, learners and witnesses.

It is fitting that these first years of our life as the United Church of Christ should be a time when everyone earnestly tries to find anew what it means to be a member of the Christian community. The theme of the United Church Biennial Emphasis for 1962-1963 is appropriately phrased "The Church, a Learning and Witnessing Community."

Each congregation will make its own plans for using this Biennial Emphasis. The experience of forty pilot churches earlier this year, however, suggests that the following types of action form a good framework for any program:

Official Adoption of the Emphasis by the Congregation. The Minister and official board should think through ways of using the theme; the congregation should make the theme its own by having opportunity to decide upon its adoption.

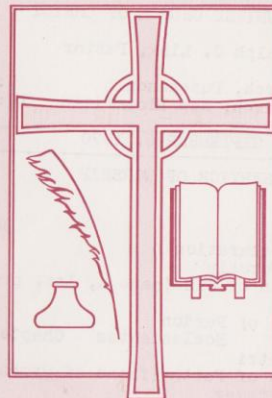
Studying What Learning and Witnessing Mean for Christians. Special study groups for intensive discussion have worked well. So has study by boards and other church organizations. Almost inevitably, people's eyes are opened to new dimensions of personal faith and unmet needs in the congregation's life. Bible study has been very important.

Taking Stock of Present Efforts in Learning and Witnessing. A questionnaire or some form of self-study is useful in appraising the opportunities now offered for Christian learning and what is being done by way of Christian witness.

New Experiences. Study and appraisal should lead ultimately to new ventures in learning and new opportunities for witnessing at home and overseas.

The 1962-1963 Biennial Emphasis is an occasion for review and renewal of our church's life.

Frances Eastman



The Aim and the Method

And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. (Mark 1:17) These words were spoken by a great teacher, and in saying them He defined both the aim of the teacher's work and the method by which he must fit himself to do it. The aim is the making of persons. The method is the surrender of the will to the leadership of the Greatest of Persons.

William Adams Brown

Happiness ~~is~~-Work?

Text: Ecclesiastes 3; 22. "I see there is no happiness for man but to be happy in his work, for this is the lot assigned him. Who then can bring him to see what is to happen after his time?"

This text is rather unusual in that it has three very definite points as every good sermon should have. Usually it requires a bit of searching and seeking to find the points of any given text. This one has them right in its ~~construction~~ sentence structure. The first point is, "I see there is no happiness for man but to be happy in his work." The second point is, "For this is the lot assigned him." And the third is, "Who then can bring him to see what is to happen after his time?"

NO ONE SMILING & SAYING WELL I SEE THIS GUY IS PREHEATING ON HAPPINESS IS -- WORK? CALLED MRS. FRY & HER REACTION. ACCUSTOMED HARD WORK AS MISTRESS YOU ARE

Were we to talk to some of the working people today and make the flat statement, "I see there is no happiness for man but to be happy in his work," the statement would be met in several startling ways. Some would laugh. Some would accuse us of being ~~ripped~~ out of our tree. Others would want to know why. The most normal reaction is to question why we should be happy in work. It's bad enough we must work, but do we have to be happy too? What's in it for me? All I'm doing is helping to make someone else rich. These are some of the comments one hears in many places of employment. Work has taken on a very nasty meaning in the years since these words were written. But I do not believe that the real purpose of work has changed. The only change ^{THAT} has taken place ~~is~~ the outlook of certain people.

Why should man be happy in his work? The answer is simple, but it definitely will not please too many working people. The answer is that we should derive a certain satisfaction out of work done well. Whether this be producing something as vegetables or fruit, or producing a finished product on the assembly line. Whether it be just making a little adjustment on a part as it passes by on its way to the next stop, or whether we are in a labor force doing common work with our hands. The ability to do a job and do it well should make man happy. He should feel a sense of pride and accomplishment in his work. He should face each day with a sense of expectancy and not dread. If he doesn't, he may be in the wrong

profession or working in the wrong occupation. We should have this happiness at least some of the time. I know that it is impossible to have it all the time since there are problems that arise that sometimes take the joy out of the work for that day. But somewhere we should be able to smile and find happiness in the job.

James Tyson was a bushman in Australia. When he died he was worth 25 million dollars. He used to say, "The money is nothing, it was the little game that was the fun." When asked what he meant by little game, he replied, "Fighting the desert. That has been my work. I have been fighting the desert all my life and I have won. I have put water where there was no water, and beef where there was no beef. I have put fences where there ^{WERE} ~~WAS~~ no fences and roads where there were no roads. Nothing can undo what I have done, and millions will be happier for it after I am dead and gone and forgotten." This is how one man found happiness in his work, and each of us can find this same happiness if we try.

We may ask what the lot is that has been assigned to us and basically the answer is the same for everyone. The lot assigned to us is that we must work in some capacity or another to provide ourselves and our families with what we need to survive. We have to work in other words and this is what has been assigned to us. Many times we may grumble and complain that we ~~wished~~ we didn't have to work. But life would become quite boring if all we had to do was loaf and be idle. Ask some of those who have retired and they will tell you that the hardest thing to do is to be without something to keep oneself occupied. I was talking to a man ^{LAT OF SUPPLY} who recently retired ^{AND} ~~on 2-2-51~~. I asked him how he liked ~~him~~ retirement and he said that he was beginning to wonder how he ever found time to go to work every day. But through it all we find time to grumble and complain. I suppose that it is part of human nature to do so. As long as the grumbling and complaining do not cause us to hate our work it is ok. But if we become perpetual whiners and grumblers we need to change our attitude toward our job, or change jobs. Someone once observed rather sagely, "A man who keeps his shoulder to the wheel, is rarely seen giving others trouble. He's like a mule in the respect that when he's pulling, he can't kick, and when he's kicking, he can't pull." This is quite true if we stop to analyze it. So if we happen to belong to the whining and groaning class then we need to resolve to change our style and become resolved

to the fact that work we must, so we may as well make the most of it. Perhaps if we thought along the lines of the electrician who expressed his thoughts in this way; he said, "That often when he was driving home late at night he looked at the houses he passed and he thought how every light in them meant a family with its joys and sorrows. He would tell himself that the wiring he did helped these people, and when he thought of this he got an extra kick out of his job, because he came to feel that he was being of service. He was not just installing or repairing wires he was lighting homes. What is your job and my job bringing people? We need to take our eyes off our jobs once in a while and to think of the people who are better off because we are doing what we are doing. This should add some purpose to our work and make it seem worthwhile.

Our final point asks the question, "Who then can bring him to see what is to happen after his time?" We could answer this in several ways. I think we all realize that the world will change when we are gone. We have all said at one time or another how our grandparents would be surprised if they could come back and see what has taken place in the last few years. The world has changed very drastically. And it will probably change even more drastically in the coming decades. But we can leave it a better place than we found it, by working and living the very best we can. ^{WOMAN IN} ~~A~~ ~~old lady~~ in Detroit named Mrs. Moulton was a good example of this. She was engaged in her youth to a young man who served in the Civil War. When he was discharged, the Government gave him a chance to take a ~~piece~~ section of land in what was then the wilds of Michigan. ~~and~~ He cut down trees and built a log cabin and then he returned to marry his sweetheart and take her with him. On many an occasion the young bride would hear the bears and other animals prowling around their cabin. Their first son was born and they named him Forest Ray, because he came as a ray of light into the forest. Soon the log house gave way to a farm house and the clearing grew. Four more sons were born to her and one daughter. Her oldest son served as the senior professor of Astronomy at the University of Chicago. Her second son as professor of Mathematics at Northwestern. Her third son a leading businessman in New Mexico. Her fourth son a recognized business and civic leader in Lansing and her fifth son as head of the Brookings Institute in Washington D. C. And her daughter was a school teacher in Detroit.

This woman knew what would happen after her time. She and her husband had started a chain reaction that would make the world a better place in which to live. Her children would continue to exert the same type of influence upon it as she and her husband did. To make it better for all of mankind.

And then it is the Christian who can bring him to see what is to happen after his time. We know that there will come a day for departure from this course we are on, to an unknown course. But we are striving to prepare for this when we try to live the Christian life. We know that Christ trod this path and that because of His sacrifice, we can enter into the joy of our Lord when we leave this life. This is what will happen after our time and we cannot escape it. But unlike the man who wrote ~~in~~ in Ecclesiastes long before the advent of Jesus Christ, we have the assurance of what will come. This author did not, and so he questioned. It is up to us to live the Christian life and then we need fear nothing for we can rest in the assurance of Jesus, that He is with us to the very end.

Poem entitled service on Page 226, The Best Loved Religious Poems.

This poem was written by Washington ~~Gladden~~ Gladden. It was also put to music and you probably recognised it as one of our hymns. It tells of the joy of being of service. Of working and trying to gain the attributes of God through continual striving. And it asks only that we may live with our Master. This is the essence of life and it can be found in work if it is done in the realization that all work is ordained by God, and it is to His glory that we work and strive, not merely to earn a living. So let us bear this in mind when next we become discouraged in our labors. Let us remember that we are working for the Lord.

Let us pray.

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CHERRY & KING.
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